



**United States
Department
of
Agriculture**

May 20, 2012

Jason Smathers

**Office of the
Chief
Information
Officer**

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, 2012-OCIO-02126-F

VIA EMAIL

**1400
Independence
Avenue SW**

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter responds to your FOIA request, which was assigned the above tracking number. You requested the following information:

**Washington,
DC
20250**

"...all records on, about, mentioning, or concerning "pink slime."".

On April 19, 2012, you spoke with a member of our FOIA service team. During that conversation, a new scope for your FOIA request was proposed. On that same day, an email was sent to you with the newly proposed scope. In that same email, it was stated that in order to continue processing this request, you must reply back to this email and state that you agree to these terms. On April 27, another email was sent to you stating that we still need your response and that if we do not receive it by May 20, 2012, then we must close the request. As of May 21, 2012, we have not received your response.

Based on the information above, your request will be closed. You have the right to appeal this determination. Any appeal must be in made in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Whitten Bldg. 209-A, Washington D.C. 20250-0103 and received within 45 days from the date of this letter. Placing the phrase "FOIA APPEAL" in capital letters on the front of the envelope and in the subject heading of the letter facilitates the processing of any appeal. If you have any questions regarding your FOIA request, please contact the USDA FOIA Service Center at (202) 720-8164. Additionally, please refer to the tracking number provided above in any further correspondence with us on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Trina M. Porter", is written over a horizontal line.

Trina M. Porter
Department FOIA Officer